

DPD 0462-61

25 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

25X1A ATTENTION : [REDACTED] Special Assistant to the DD/P

25X1A SUBJECT : Proposed Replacement for [REDACTED] Comptroller,  
Development Projects Division

25X1A REFERENCE : Official Personnel Folder of [REDACTED] GS-15,  
Chief, Industrial Contract Audit Division, Office of  
the Comptroller, attached.

25X1A 1. During Mr. Bissell's recent trip to the Far East, Mr. Edward R. Saunders, Agency Comptroller, visited me to discuss the nomination of a replacement for [REDACTED] I am sure we were all aware at the time [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] was confirmed in the position of Acting Comptroller, DPD, that the inside workings of the Comptroller Career Service might eventually face us with the prospect of accepting a replacement who was senior in point of GS grade to Tom. I had my first inkling of this during a discussion in December with the Deputy Director (Support), when he first cast this as a distinct possibility.

25X1A 2. Mr. Saunders, while attesting to [REDACTED] fine qualities and good performance in DPD, cited his relative lack of seniority as one of the factors dictating the nomination of a more senior individual. [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] was, and is, Mr. Saunders' nomination for the vacancy created by Doug's departure.

25X1A 3. Accordingly, a day or two after my meeting with Mr. Saunders, I met with [REDACTED] at some length to discuss the relative complexities of the DPD Comptrollership. I was joined by [REDACTED] and subsequently by 25X1A Colonel Beerli. In addition, [REDACTED] also had a chance to converse with 25X1A [REDACTED] I think I can say without fear of successful contradiction that we are all pleasantly impressed by his attitude and apparent sincere interest in getting on with the job. I explained to him, as I had explained earlier to Mr. Saunders, that prior to formally confirming his nomination,

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we would need to obtain the concurrence of the Deputy Director (Plans), and additionally, I felt certain that Mr. Bissell would want to interview Mr. [REDACTED] himself.

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4. It is with this purpose in mind then that I forward the attached personnel folder for Mr. Bissell's review, and I will await any further action until I hear from [REDACTED] either to arrange an interview with [REDACTED] if one is necessary, or to convey to Mr. Saunders Mr. Bissell's informal concurrence. [REDACTED] can be available as early as next week, and I would personally recommend that we accept the nomination forthwith and act to get him up here to begin getting the background he will need to carry us through the annual budget exercise. In that regard the only area of experience where [REDACTED] acknowledges a certain lack of formal training is in the field of budgeting. As an offset to this, Mr. Saunders plans to place a trained budget officer in DPD to fill one of the vacancies occurring as a result of the most recent T/O submission. Your advices and comments are solicited without delay.

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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

Attachment  
Personnel Folder

CC: Comptroller, w/o att

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